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In re Application of: **MARSH ET AL.**

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For: **VARIABLE EXTENSION COMBINED SPINAL/EPIDURAL
NEEDLE SET AND METHOD FOR ITS USE**

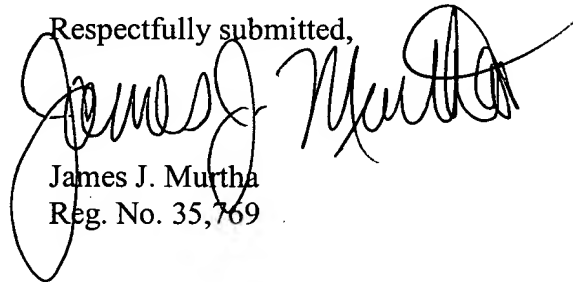
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

Applicant's Attorney received a Notice of Abandonment mailed February 25, 2004 for the above-identified patent application. It was noted in the Notice of Abandonment that no reply to the office action mailed 17 June 2003 was received. Applicant's Attorney notes that a response was filed on December 5, 2003 requesting a three-month extension of time and a continuation application was filed on that same day.

Respectfully submitted,



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